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	Examiner		Art Unit	
	William K Cheung		1713	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 28-43 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 28-33, 35-43 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. In view of Preliminary Amendment filed September 9, 2003, claims 1-27 have been cancelled. Claims 28-43 are pending.
2. The examiner acknowledges the phone call with applicants' attorney on February 2, 2004, regarding restriction and species election requirement. However, after a careful reconsideration, the examiner has decided to withdraw the restriction and species election requirement. Claims 28-43 are examined with merit.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
4. Claims 34 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 34 recites a chemical structure in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. The independent claim of claim 34 does not provide sufficient support for a structure having $X = CH_2$.

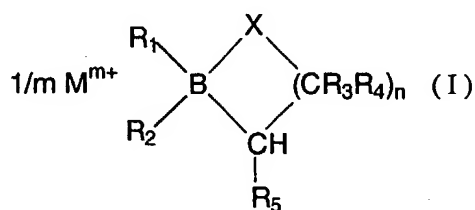
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Allowances

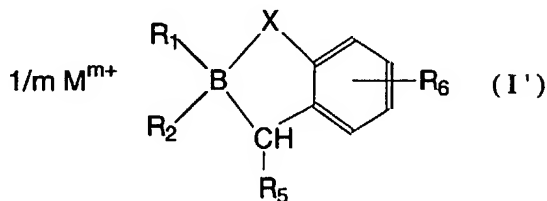
5. Claims 28-33, 35-43 are allowed.
6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As of the date of this office action, the examiner has not located or identified any reference that can be used singularly or in combination with another reference including the closest prior art of Zharov et al. (US 5,690,780) to render the present invention anticipated or obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art.

The invention of claims 28-33, 35-43 relates to a compound which has the structure:



or



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wherein for X is oxygen or sulfur; wherein when X represents oxygen, n is the integer 2, 3, 4, or 5; and wherein when X represents sulfur, n is the integer 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5; and R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅ and R₆ are, independently, unsubstituted and substituted alkyl groups containing 1 to 10 carbon atoms, alkylene groups containing 1 to 10 carbon atoms, substituted aryl groups containing 7 to 12 carbon atoms, or unsubstituted aryl groups; alternatively either of R₃, R₄, R₅ and R₆ in (I) include hydrogen; alternatively, R₁ and R₂ are part of a second unsubstituted or substituted cyclic borate; R₁ and R₂ alternatively comprise a spiro ring or a spiro-ether ring; alternatively, R₁ or R₂ together with R₃ or R₄ in (I) are linked to form a cycloaliphatic ring; alternatively in (I) R₁ or R₂ together with either R₃ or R₄ comprise a cyclic ether ring; and M is any positively charged species with m being greater than 0.

The closest prior art Zharov et al. (abstract) disclose a polymerizable composition comprising an effective amount of an organoborane amine complex, and an effective amount of an acid, a compound that liberates an organoborane from said internally blocked borate. However, Zharov et al. are silent on the organoborane compound of product thereof as claimed in applicants' claims 28-33, 35-43. Therefore, it would not be apparent to one of ordinary skill in art to use the borane chemistry teachings of Zharov et al. to obtain the borane compounds and product thereof of claims 28-33, 35-43. Therefore, in view of the novelty of the claimed borane compounds, the invention of claims 28-33, 35-43 is allowed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William K Cheung whose telephone number is (571) 272-1097. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:00AM to 2:00PM; 4:00PM to 8:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David WU can be reached on (571) 272-1114. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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February 22, 2004